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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PINT, SHUM, PINS, SF

SUBJ: DETENTION OF MOSES BHENGU

REF: A. STATE 93437 B. DURBAN A-25

1. MOSES FANYANA BHENGU IS A STATE WITNESS IN ANC TERRORISM TRIAL IN PIETERMARITZBURG, WHICH BEGAN IN JULY 1976 (REF B DISCUSSES TRAIL IN DETAIL). IN TESTIMONY LAST SEPTEMBER BHENGU STATED HE JOINED ANC IN 1958 AND WAS ORGANIZER FOR SOUTH AFRICAN CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (SACTU) UNTIL HE WAS BANNED IN 1963 UNDER SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM ACT. (HIS BANNING IS STILL IN EFFECT) HE TESTIFIED FURTHER THAT IN AUGUST 1975 HE WAS INVITED TO MEETING OF EX-ANC AND SACTU LEADERS TO DISCUSS RESURRECTING SACTU, FORMING ANC CELLS, AND SENDING YOUNG BLACKS OVERSEAS FOR MILITARY AND TERRORIST TRAINING. HE COULD NOT ATTEND BECAUSE OF BANNING ORDER, BUT LATER MET WITH TWO TRIAL DEFENDANTS AND AGREED TO FORM ANC CELLS IN PIETERMARITZBURG TO RECRUIT YOUNG BLACKS FOR MILITARY TRAINING.

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HE WAS DETAINED EARLY IN DECEMBER 1975 AND HAS BEEN IN CUSTODY SINCE.

2. DURING CROSS-EXAMINATION DEFENSE ATTORNEYS SUCCEEDED IN SHOWING CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN BHENGU'S AND OTHERS' TESTIMONY AND IMPLIED THAT SINCE HE WAS WARNED DURING TRIAL THAT HE COULD BE INDICTED AS AN ACCOMPLICE, HE PERJURED HIMSELF TO CURRY

POLICE FAVOR.

3. CONOFF WILL MAKE FURTHER INQUIRIES WHEN TRIAL REOPENS
MAY 3.
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